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CONSIDERING HOSTING EXERCISE PLANNING GROUP IN 2010

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[1](#)1. (SBU) SUMMARY: The Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) indicated that it might host Exercise Planning Group (EPG) activities of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism in 2010, but could not do so in 2009 due to internal staffing concerns. END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Poloff delivered ref A demarche on October 29 to Szymon Bochenski, who is responsible for nuclear proliferation issues at the MFA's Security Policy Department. According to Bochenski, the MFA was already considering whether it could host EPG activities in 2010 and will notify us when a decision is made. Bochenski said the MFA was unable to host EPG activities next year because the Ministry was struggling with Global Initiative staffing requirements (ref B) and was organizing a European regional meeting under the auspices of the Proliferation Security Initiative in Spring 2009. The MFA is also in the planning stages of organizing a seminar on non-proliferation issues in Fall 2009, but Bochenski was reluctant to disclose details at this early stage.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Bochenski indicated that the MFA would not be able to participate in the EPG meeting in Virginia on November 13-14 because the session conflicts with a NATO weapons of mass destruction (WMD) seminar in Berlin. He noted, however, that the MFA staff found the Global Initiative web portal to be extremely useful, especially in tracking EPG developments. Bochenski emphasized that he will host an inter-agency briefing within the next week to inform counterparts of the work of the Global Initiative.

[1](#)4. (SBU) On a related note, Bochenski told PolOff that Lukasz Zielinski, head of the MFA's WMD non-proliferation division, planned to participate in the Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary in Canberra in early November. Zielinski will be accompanied by a Ministry of Defense (MOD) missile expert and a colonel from MOD's international security policy department.  
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